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CYLINDRICAL DRUM SUPPORT DEVICE

TITLE OF INVENTION

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APPLICANT(S)

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF A  
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181  
STATEMENT OF FACTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

U.S. Serial No.: 09/194,839  
Filed on: December 3, 1998

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, the following is a showing of timely transmission of the responsive communication.

1. The present application entered the U.S. National Phase on December 3, 1998.
2. The acknowledgment postcard showing receipt of the enclosed application, including the filing fee for entering the national phase, was returned, showing receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 3, 1998.
3. A copy of the acknowledgment postcard is enclosed.
4. The transmittal letter to the U.S. Designated Office of December 3, 1998 further authorized charging Deposit Account No. 08-0879. On page 5 of 6, Applicant has authorized payment of the fee for entering the national phase.
5. A copy of the transmittal letter is enclosed.
6. The application was abandoned for failure to provide the U.S. Basic National Fee by 20 months after the claimed priority date.

7. Applicant now files the present Petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment because Applicant contends that the present application is not in fact abandoned.
8. The present Petition for Withdrawal is being submitted less than one month from the receipt of the Notice of Abandonment on July 19, 2001.
9. Applicant further notes that a Petition to File Papers under 37 C.F.R. § 1.42 and 1.44 has been submitted in the above case. Also, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office transmitted a Decision on Papers on February 15, 2000, regarding the above-identified application, and Applicant has further responded with a Renewed Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.42 and 1.44 on March 10, 2000. Applicant is currently awaiting a response on the Renewed Petition.

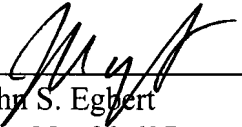
Applicant petitions for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment because the application is not in fact abandoned. Applicant timely paid the filing fee for entering the U.S. national phase within the 20 month deadline of December 16, 1998. Furthermore, Applicant authorized payment by Deposit Account on December 3, 1998, in addition to the enclosed check.

Applicant petitions for withdrawal of the holding of abandonment based upon the evidence of the timely filed response. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181, no government fee is included.

Date

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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Sir:

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